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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: SEIU Committee on Political Education  
ID No. 000004036  
Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/00-10/18/00)

Dear Mr. Ciaraldi:

This is in response to your letter regarding the Service Employees International Union's Committee on Political Education ("COPE") Amended 2000 12-Day Pre-General Report dated January 31, 2001. Your letter raises a number of questions about our report for that period.

The first matter raised by your letter concerns that totals listed on Lines 23, 28(a) and 28(d) of Column B of the Detailed Summary Page. It is our understanding that our Amended Pre-General Report filed in January 2001 corrected this. The second matter involves an incorrect total that was entered on Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. It is also our understanding that our amended Pre-General Report filed in January 2001 corrected this.

The third issue relates to reported contributions of \$5,000, \$15,000 and \$15,000 to the "Democratic National Committee." The \$5,000 contribution was in fact to the Democratic National Committee/New York Account, a non-federal account. It should have not been reported on Schedule B. We will amend our report to reflect that this was a contribution to a non-federal account. Although our report showed two \$15,000 contributions to the DNC in March of 2000, our records appear to show that there was only one. I have checked with the DNC, and they show receiving only one \$15,000 contribution from us in 2000. Apparently, the report of two \$15,000 contributions was a clerical error. We will amend our report to show just the one \$15,000 contribution to the DNC in 2000.

The fourth matter raised by your letter relates to two contributions of \$5,000 each made to Engel for Congress on October 18, 2000. These two contributions were reported as a contribution to his primary and general campaigns, but the contribution to the primary campaign was made after the date of the primary. The primary contribution was intended to be for the retirement of primary debt. This was improperly reported as being for the primary. However, the cover letter accompanying the check clearly indicated that it was for the retirement of primary debt. A copy of that letter is attached. We will amend our report to reflect that one contribution was for the retirement of primary debt and one was for the general election.

The next matter relates to three contributions to A Lot of People

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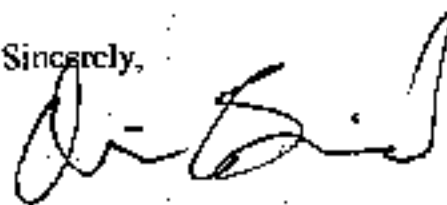
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Supporting Ed Bernstein of \$1,000 on July 17, 2000; \$4,000 on September 28, 2000; and \$1,000 on October 6, 2000. We realize that this is a total of \$6,000 all designated for the general election, \$1,000 over the contribution limit for the general election. We were not aware of this mistake until we prepared our response to your letter. We have written to the campaign and requested a return of the last \$1,000 contribution. A copy is attached. We will amend our report to reflect the return of that contribution when it is received.

The final matter concerns a contribution of \$100,000 to the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. This contribution was to the Party's non-federal account and should not have been reported on Schedule B. We will amend our report to reflect that this contribution was to the Pennsylvania Democratic Party's non-federal account.

If you have any further questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Orrin Baird", written over a horizontal line.

Orrin Baird  
Associate General Counsel

cc: Executive Vice President Pat Ford

bcc: John Howley  
Luis Navarro  
Charlotte Mumford  
Jane Buckner



October 17, 2000

Engel For Congress  
3855 Johnson Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10463

Dear Finance Chairman:

Transmitted herewith is our check in the amount of \$10,000 made payable to Engel For Congress. This check is our contribution toward the general election (\$5,000) and primary debt (\$5,000) and is being sent to you with our best wishes.

The decision to make this contribution was made by the SEIU and was not in any respect due to the action of any third party. This contribution is, therefore, forwarded with the understanding that the total amount will be used by the campaign committee for campaign purposes and that none of it will be paid over to any third person because of any alleged services by that person in arranging for this contribution.

Please be assured that this check represents voluntary contributions from the members of SEIU. We will be reporting this contribution by SEIU COPE to the FEC. In order for us to comply with the provisions of the Federal Elections Act, it will be necessary for us to have a receipt in like amount for the above contribution.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Stern  
International President

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June 26, 2001

Michael W. Kern, Treasurer  
A Lot of People Supporting Ed Bernstein  
6100 Elton Avenue, Suite 1000  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Re: Contributions from SEIU COPE

Dear Mr. Kern:

In response to an inquiry from the Federal Election Committee, we have reviewed our records regarding the contributions that we made to A Lot of People Supporting Ed Bernstein for the general election in 2000. Our records reveal that we made contributions of \$1,000 on July 17, 2000; \$4,000 on September 28, 2000; and \$1,000 on October 6, 2000. This, of course, is a total of \$6,000 for the general election, \$1,000 over the contribution limit for the general election. Accordingly, we are asking that the Committee return to us the last \$1,000 contribution.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Orrin Baird  
Associate General Counsel

cc: Dominick Ciavaldi, FEC

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